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## Facebook Impacts Grades



The Montclarion | Catherine Baxter

Students who spend too much time on social networking sites such as Facebook may not concentrate on their schoolwork.

Stephanie Agudelo  
STAFF WRITER

Before the famous social networking site Facebook was available to virtually anyone, it was only intended for Harvard University students. The first people to use the site were college students. Perhaps the fact that Facebook was created by a college student has something to do with its original target demographic, but the reality now is that even stu-

dents in middle school can sign up for an account on Facebook.

Sure, it seems great that younger generations are adapting to technology more rapidly these days, but how does Facebook affect other, more important aspects of their lives? How does the use of Facebook affect a student's grades? A few years ago comput-

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## Students Speak Out Against Tuition Hikes



The Montclarion | Lindsay Rassmann

Many students gathered at the hearing to let the board know that they didn't want a tuition increase.

Lindsay Rassmann  
FEATURE EDITOR

Over a dozen students spoke on behalf of Montclair State University's 18,000 students at Thursday's tuition hearing, urging board members to use their influence to fight tuition hikes.

Students who addressed the board of trustees had three minutes to persuade members to freeze or lower tuition. Students shared

their personal stories, fighting against a tuition hike that would hurt MSU's student body, citing that many students are already struggling to pay current tuition costs. Students spoke for an hour, during which about 20 students shared their stories, until the board eventually cut the students off so that other matters could be addressed.

"I went to the tuition hearing because I am in-

credibly annoyed at the fact that tuition keeps steadily increasing every year. It is hard to believe that in just one year, the cost of upkeep for the university rose by an additional \$2,000 per person," Matt Chapman, the first student to speak at the meeting, said. "The reason I spoke at the hearing was because I felt I had a unique story that the board should

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## NYPD Surveillance Affects Local Muslims



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Muslim students come together to support each other and rally the NYPD over the confirmed accounts of spying on Muslim communities.

Weaam Ali  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Following the release of documents revealing the New York Police Department's (NYPD) monitoring of Muslim students and communities in the region, many question whether the NYPD has gone too far with its investigations.

The Associated Press reported that the NYPD

placed surveillance at many universities, including New York City colleges, campuses in upstate New York, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania and even the Rutgers Newark and New Brunswick campuses in New Jersey.

"Muslims have felt like they've had a target on their backs since 9/11," said Amani Al-Khatahtbeh, a Muslim student at

Rutgers New Brunswick. She said that Muslims have always been aware of the surveillance over their communities, which is something that disappoints her.

Emad Hamdeh, a youth director of the Islamic Center of Passaic County and a professor in the modern languages and literatures department at Montclair State University, said he was also aware of the spying, but

claims that the news is now established as a fact. "They have details like the number of prayers Muslims pray and they follow Muslim students on trips," said Hamdeh. "What does it matter how someone eats or prays?"

Disappointed, Al-Khatahtbeh believes that the concealed operations "have hit very close to home for many students" and be-

lieves that this has heightened paranoia among students.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg claimed that "everything the NYPD has done is legal, it is appropriate and it is constitutional."

He believes that the NYPD should continue to do what it takes to stop

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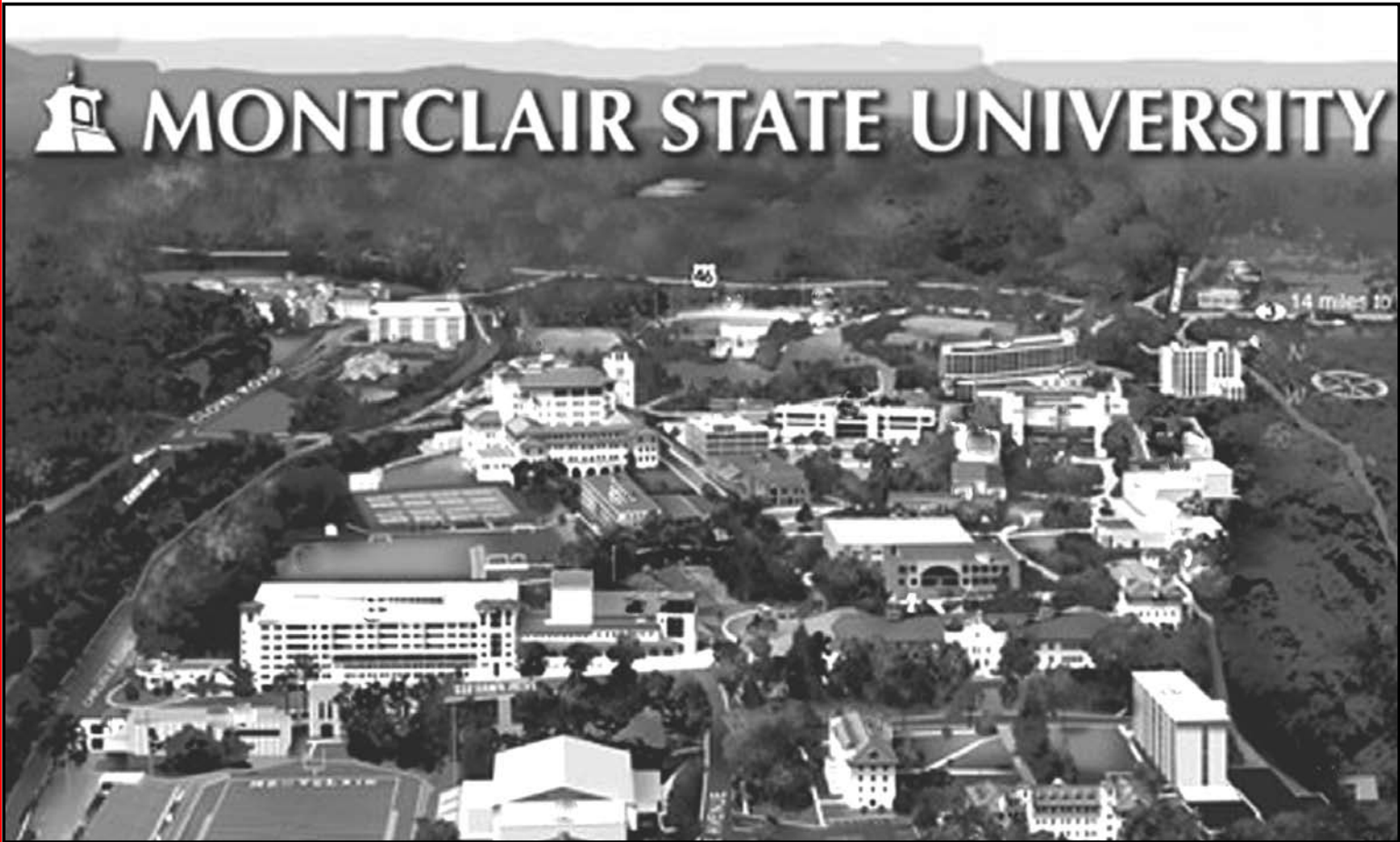
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Pelican Police Report



Winners Jacob Mercer-Pontier and Nick Verhagen

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Opinion Editor Jacob Mercer-Pontier won third place in editorial writing at a four-year school for his editorial entitled, “Put Your Adult Pants On.”

Columnist Dylan Soltis won second place in column/opinion writing for the column, “He Wants More for the Money.”

Sports Editor Nick Verhagen won third place in sports writing for his MSU basketball coverage in the article, “Men Splits Home Weekend.”

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**Brian Lehrer**

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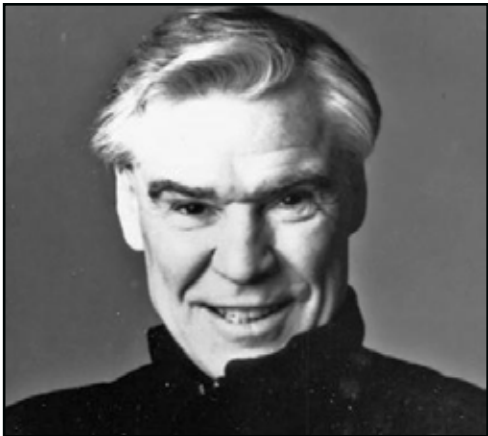


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**Jacques D'Amboise**

Jacques d'Amboise studied and performed at the School of American Ballet, the Ballet Society and the New York City Ballet. D'Amboise starred on the ballet stage and also appeared on Broadway in the musical *Shin Bone Alley* and appeared in films including *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, *Carousel* and *The Best Things in Life are Free*. D'Amboise has written and directed for theater, film and television. He founded the National Dance Institute in 1976. He has also served as a full professor and Dean of Dance for two years at SUNY Purchase and eleven years as visiting professor at the College of Creative Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara. His contributions in arts education have earned him numerous awards and honors.

## College of Education and Human Services



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**Patrick McCarthy**

Patrick McCarthy is president and chief executive officer of the Annie Casey Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children. McCarthy began his career as a psychiatric social worker at Camden County Mental Health Center before moving on to teach at the graduate schools of the University of Southern California and Bryn Mawr College. Prior to becoming president and CEO, McCarthy was the Annie E. Casey Foundation's senior vice president. He was the initiative manager for the Foundation's Mental Health Initiative for Urban Children, which promotes neighborhood-based strategies for improving the emotional well-being of kids and families.

## Graduate School



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**Michael Cryor**

Michael E. Cryor '70 MA is the founder and president of The Cryor Group, a strategic communications firm located in Baltimore, Maryland. He has more than 30 years of strategic communications experience in both the public and private sectors as an advisor some of the nation's leading nonprofit organizations, specializing in urban policy, health care and technology-based initiatives. Cryor served as chair of the Maryland Democratic Party and was the only African American to head a state political party. Cryor has lectured in the University's department of psychology. He has been honored with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's Award of Excellence.

## NYPD

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the terrorists from taking action. Bloomberg also claims that taking caution will prevent future attacks, such as the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the 9/11 attacks.

Dr. Raymond Brock Murray, a counselor and psychology professor at MSU, believes that people are overlooking the fact that the NYPD is spying on the wrong groups.

"They're spying on kids. We don't think about it on that concept," said Murray. "They are young college students trying to better themselves in society. They are the epitome of what we expect to abide by the law. It is insane to spy on them because they do not fall under the category of being a terrorist."

Al-Khatahtbeh, also a political science and Middle Eastern studies major, claims that recent laws passed can lead to dangerous action.

"We have been aware of the government's increasingly bewildering restrictions on our civil rights since then: The Patriot Act momentarily eliminated protections we had against being spied on or detained, and the recent National Defense

Authorization Act made it legal for us to be indefinitely detained without trial," said Al-Khatahtbeh.

"Am I paying taxes to be spied on?" asked Hamdeh. "I have a family. It's not freedom when people are spying on everything I do, where I take my daughters to go eat or shop."

Hamdeh also criticized Bloomberg's response to the NYPD's tactics by claiming that the NYPD is doing a great job preventing harm. "It's like telling the terrorists, 'you're not taking our freedom; we're taking away our own freedom,'" said Hamdeh. "It's all based on stereotypical things being put out there."

Hamdeh added that New York has other issues that should be addressed instead of wasting time spying on an entire group of people that have no accusations against them.

Newark Mayor Cory Booker immediately revealed his comments and concern after being aware of the NYPD spying on mosques and Muslim students in Newark. He said that the Newark Police Depart-

ment was not aware of the NYPD's surveillance on Muslim communities in Newark.

Gov. Chris Christie made harsh remarks towards NYPD's spying activity and claimed that the NYPD is "arrogant and paranoid" for stepping beyond their jurisdiction.

Al-Khatahtbeh asserts that NYPD's actions are very likely to affect the mental health of Muslims. "It is driving a rift between communities by instigating paranoia, not just among Muslims towards the government but also among other Americans towards Muslims," Al-Khatahtbeh said.

She also said that there have been "a lot of wounds that were created in the social fabric of our society after 9/11 and while we are actively trying to heal them, things like the NYPD surveillance completely reverse our progress and cause even greater damage."

Murray states that there has been a certain level of negative self-perception among Muslims because of the negative communication being delivered towards them. "Historically, we know what discrimination

or prejudice can do to a person," said Murray. "Ninety percent of Muslims are law-abiding citizens like everyone else in this country [...] it is this point in history that Muslims are going through this."

According to Murray, the suspicion has been an additional burden to carry. "It's like holding a cup of water for an hour," he said. "It doesn't get heavier, but it becomes more difficult to carry."

"Frankly, I think this sort of solidarity and unity within our community is what we have been lacking and ultimately need to create any type of strength or momentum for Muslim voices in our country," said Al-Khatahtbeh. "This situation, however, calls for the alliance of the Muslim community with all other religious and cultural communities in our society, as this is an issue that threatens every American."

"Hopefully some good can come out of it if we all realize that we thrive and succeed only with the camaraderie of each other," Al-Khatahtbeh concluded.



# Cigarette Butts Linked to Mulch Fires

Maya Oliver  
STAFF WRITER

Over the past two weeks, at least seven mulch fires linked to cigarette butts on campus have been reported.

The fires were contained primarily by MSUPD and local fire departments as well. The main areas of concern for the fires centered around Freeman Hall, Chapin Hall, Sprague Library and Machuga Heights. All fires were of no threat to property or students, but with heavy winds, there is an increased concern by both fire safety officials and MSUPD.

“[The fires] obviously concern us as conditions for fires starting and spreading increase as there has been little rainfall, conditions are dry and wind can exacerbate the situation,” said Lt. Kieran Barrett, “as we have seen across the state, simple fires turn into larger fires with the current conditions.”



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New mulch in locations such as the gardens around Freeman Hall have been catching on fire due to cigarette butts.

Many students have expressed their concerns about the fires and are wondering if there are ways for them to prevent the fires.

Even students who smoke cigarettes are expressing their concern. “I always try to make sure I put my cigarettes in the cigarette deposit and never throw them in the grass,” said junior Arianny Pilarte. “I think it’s something we need to be aware, especially now.”

However, many students think that the solution regarding cigarettes causing the fires is very simple. “I believe students, as well as teachers, should be more aware and cautious of where they smoke and how they dispose of their cigarette,” said junior Kristen Owens. “There are plenty of designated smoking areas that can be used.”

Barrett strongly urges students and staff who smoke to properly discard cigarette butts, as these are also a primary cause of many of the

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hear. The only way my family and I could afford tuition was if I joined the military and let the government pay, in exchange for an eight year service contract. The board needed to know how far an average person would go in order to receive a quality education.”

Students who spoke to the board asked whether the rising tuition and the resulting debt makes college practical anymore. Students also argued that a tuition hike is essentially an attack on education.

Despite the fear of rising tuition, MSU is currently charging 35 percent less than the most expensive New Jersey senior public institution and ten percent less than the average of New Jersey’s public colleges and universities.

“I find it outright insulting that you [the board] are trying to justify the budget increases by showing that MSU is one of the cheapest schools in New Jersey,” Lisa Grab, president of MSU's Students for a Democratic Society, said in her address to the board. “Although we are one of the cheapest schools, we had the largest tuition increase last year, so it is not going to be the cheapest much longer.”

The students’ tuition is directly related to the amount of state appropriations provided to the university. Unfortunately, the amount of money available to the 12 public colleges in New Jersey is approximately what it was in 1997, when there were 44,000 fewer students enrolled.

In the last decade, the state provided \$4,100 in support per full-time student. In the proposed budget for next year, that same full-time student’s support will drop to \$2,450.

The students at the tuition hearing seemed to share one opinion: Whatever MSU and the state have been doing isn’t working and it’s time for a change. Student debt in the United States is over \$1 trillion, surpassing credit card debt.

“I am pleased that [the students] came forward to express their views,” Karen Pennington, vice president of student affairs, said. “They were very effective.”

“I think that the hearing was a major success. Some of my peers made exceptional speeches that were very moving and I cannot see how the board would justify raising tuition after the stories people shared of hardship and heartbreak,” Chapmen added. “I am hoping the board listened. However, they usually have a fixed agenda that will

not change for anything or in this case, for anyone. If they really want to raise tuition, they will. I just hope that we made an impact on their decision regarding how much tuition will rise.”

Lack of adequate state support continues to create economic pressures for state universities and their students. While state appropriations for higher education are expected to remain flat for next year, the final decision will be made in July when Gov. Chris Christie and the New Jersey legislature approve the state’s budget for next year.



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## Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History The feminism of women acting badly

**Liouxsie Doyle**  
STAFF WRITER

What do femme fatales, Sylvia Plath, groupies and Nicki Minaj all have in common? Between silver screen goddesses, literary prodigies, backdoor fans and internationally famous musicians, powerful women have made their mark through cunning, beauty and an attitude to contend with. If well-behaved women seldom make history, these women know that a bad attitude and genius can go hand in hand. Calling one of these ladies a “bitch” only proves the point.

Women behaving badly have a nasty reputation. If their male counterparts carry on multiple sex partners, they are called studs; if a woman does, she’s a “slut.” If a male artist has a mood swing or a full-blown disorder, he’s a tortured genius; if a woman does, she’s crazy. If a famous male icon behaves poorly, he’s a rebel or revolutionary; if a woman does it, she’s a bitch.

This is the framework in which rebellious women have to struggle to make an impact. In the 2008 elections, democrats had to choose between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama; what they got was a tidal wave of grassroots smear campaigns against Hillary’s qualifications as a woman. If she spoke professionally and fought for the presidency, she was a stone-faced bitch. If she teared up, she was emotional and manipulative. Hillary was perceived as a bitch for all the same qualities that made the male candidates around her appear ineffectual: she was in control, ambitious and unrelenting. In response to the hypocrisy surrounding Hillary, Tina Fey addressed Saturday Night Live viewers with her “Bitch is the new black” skit. She identified herself as a bitch proclaiming, “Bitches get stuff done.” And in not so many words, women throughout history have worn a scarlet “B” to get stuff done as well.

In life, Sylvia Plath was a deeply disturbed woman whose cheating husband’s work was famed beyond her own. Across thousands of class-

rooms of angsty teenagers, however, Plath has become a tormented genius post-mortem. Sylvia Plath is either romantically depressed or self-destructively depressed, depending on the source of criticism. Those who get close to her work and her mania have a tendency of calling her a “bitch” for her demands and her unwillingness to settle as a young, married woman of the 1950s with two children. Instead, she killed herself and destroyed, as well as cemented, her own legacy. With this, Plath paves the way for poet-babes whose genius made them miserable to tolerate in life, and irreplaceable in death. Their instability made them legendary, but we are not granted the genius without the



“Tough girl” Nicki Minaj and “rebel girl” Kathleen Hanna often get bad girl reputations due to their willingness to collaborate with other females. Pictures courtesy of Google.

unstable defects.

As Elizabeth Wurtzle writes in *Bitch: In Praise of Difficult Women*, Plath “had the force and talent and beauty to turn [her] emotional disasters and hysteria into [...] art.”

Hindsight bias makes women like Sylvia Plath seem romantically depressed and bitchy – even feminist – but the difficult woman in your own life may be less easy to write off as “gifted.” Bad girls exist in music as the pesky groupies who wants more than the most die-hard fans are willing to demand (with countless examples from *Let’s Spend the Night Together*), may shape the prodigy group as a whole through her creative demands (think Yoko Ono), or who aggressively takes the

mic for herself. In rock, punk and hip hop, the sexual woman who would otherwise be written off as a “slut” comes closest to performing the same note as her male counterparts.

To sell records, you can write a love song about devotion, or you can churn out songs about hookups and partying as hard as the boys. Women in rock defy gender norms and are perceived as wild cards for their mere presence and attitude, demonstrated by books like *Sex Revolts: Gender, Rebellion and Rock n’ Roll*; *Rolling Stone Book of Women in Rock: Trouble Girls* and *She’s a Rebel: The History of Women in Rock and Roll*. Riot grrrl and earlier girl groups



entertained the notion of girl-gang mentality, but rap and hip hop take a curiously opposite approach: only one girl may be a crew’s token female, and any nearby women represent a threat to this cherished position. The “Queen B(itch)” title is passed around by rappers like Lil’ Kim, Foxy Brown and Nicki Minaj – with rap battles breaking out over each rival’s credentials.

The “bitch” mentality that some female rappers willingly embrace is not wholly separate from punk band Bikini Kill’s “Rebel Girl” or punk-rock The Runaway’s “Cherry Bomb.” Kathleen Hanna’s rebel girl is a deeply gendered heroine: “That girl thinks she’s the queen of the neighborhood [...] In her hips, there’s revolution/When she walks,

the revolution’s coming/In her kiss, I taste the revolution.” And the self-identified wild girl of “Cherry Bomb” is distinctly polarizing in her sexuality. They both present young girls as rebellious or wild, and Bikini Kill explicitly lays out, “They say she’s a slut,” (or dyke, by another version), “but I know she is my best friend.” Here, however, there is a difference in someone like Nicki Minaj’s tough girl image and the punkier Kathleen Hanna’s rebel girl – they are bitches by different names due to willingness to collaborate with other females.

The danger of bitchiness is not an individual woman’s effort to get what she wants, be difficult or express herself bluntly – it comes when she is unwilling to accept other women as equally misbehaved. In fact, bitchiness can be perceived as feminist. Jezebel, the Biblical character that has come to be associated with women who are sexually promiscuous and controlling, has been redacted as a feminist popular culture blog with multiple contributors. Bitch has similarly faced a feminist makeover, being re-appropriated as a third-wave feminist magazine with freelance contributors and over 50,000 readers.

It is in the accomplishments and the wake of resentful contemporaries that future generations find inspiration for their own everyday rebellions. Most girls are capable of being a little naughty, but it’s the truly poorly behaved women, not just the girls going wild, who have a tight grasp on rewriting history in bold red. By Hollywood bad girl Mae West’s own quip, “There are no good girls gone wrong – just bad ones found out.” With that attitude, any bad girl with ambition and an interest in bettering other girls may stand a chance at making history.

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## Insta-book or Facegram?

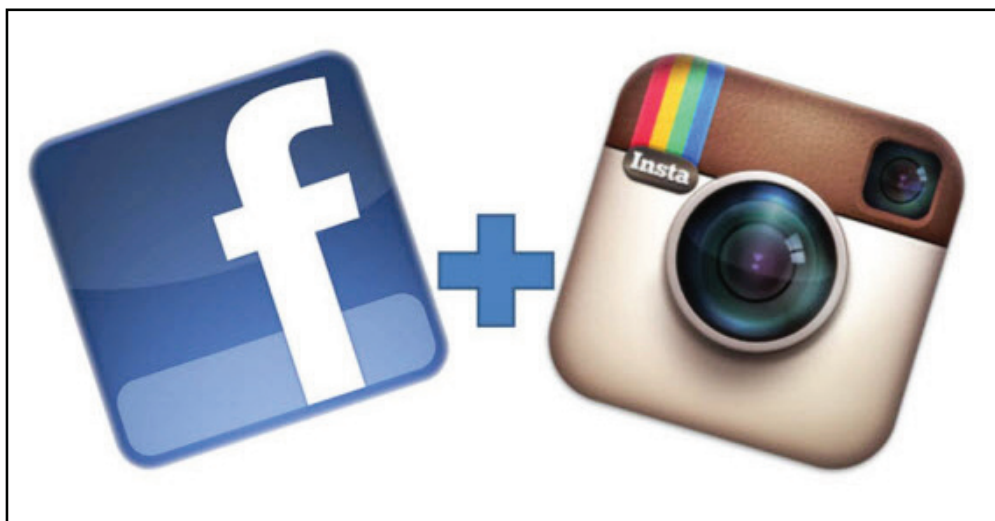
**A. Viveka Garza-Gomez**  
STAFF WRITER

Finally, the mega popular picture app, Instagram, is available for Droid users. However, what nobody expected was Facebook swooping in and buying the app for one billion dollars.

If you are not familiar with Instagram – it’s awesome. It’s an app that allows you to share photos. Sounds simple enough; the company based out of San Francisco had only 13 employees, and was built in just eight weeks.

“I remember thinking to myself, Instagram is going to be something,” says co-founder and CEO Kevin Systrom of launching the app, and he was right.

The app allows you to take a picture, or upload one from your photo album, and add an effect to it. Again, very simple, but at the time of its launch, it was every iPhone-having-hipster-wannabes’ dream. I would describe it as a picture version of Twitter where you can follow



Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg (right) bought the popular photo app Instagram for 1 billion dollars. Images courtesy of Google.

a person’s profile and his pictures will appear on your feed.

The app was launched on October 6, 2011, and by that December, it was named the “App of The Year” by Apple, reaching one million followers in only three months.

Facebook’s purchase of Instagram has caused different reactions: criticisms that one billion dollars is too much for the app that was valued at 500 million dollars, to worried users of the changes Facebook might impose on their beloved app.

The main concern is people’s distrust of Facebook due to the mini-

mal privacy and its never-ending ads. Although Zuckerberg said he wants to keep Instagram independent and does not plan on making many changes, people turned to Twitter, as they often do, to backlash the sale. “Facegram,” “Instagram” and “one billion dollars” were all trending topics on Monday.

Only time will tell what will become of Instagram. As for now, I don’t see many people parting ways with the app. One thing is for sure, there will never be an absence of anti-mainstream, hipsters to find cool, new products and eventually

suck everyone else in – it’s the circle of cyber life.





Thanks for leaving  
your car here last night  
and not ending my  
family's lives.

Maria Punjabi

**SAVE A LIFE. DON'T DRIVE HOME BUZZED.**  
BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING.



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# Facebook

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A few years ago, computers were rarely allowed in classrooms, but now some high schools and most universities are allowing students to bring in their laptops,iPads, tablets,netbooks, etc. Certainly professors cannot monitor what every student does on his or her device in a classroom, but there is no denying that these Internet capable devices are becoming more of a distraction than a help.

According to the DigitalBuzz.com, as of 2011, over 700 billion minutes a month are spent on Facebook and 48 percent of all 18 to 34 year olds check the site when they wake up, while 28 percent do so even before getting out of bed. Almost every student across the nation has the ability to access the Internet, and while they are doing their “home-work,” many students are easily distracted and spend hours at a time on the social networking site while their homework goes undone.

College student Samantha Frost, who attends Montclair State University, claims that many students in her lectures bring their laptops just to go on Facebook.

“It’s very distracting. In all of my lecture classes 60 percent of the students are on Facebook rather than actually listening to the professor. I don’t know how they get anything done. Some of my friends have even

downloaded the application called ‘Self Control’ which blocks you from entering any website you want for a certain amount of time. It’s the only way they can get any work done,” she said.

New York Times writer Rebecca R. Ruiz wrote in 2011 about a study conducted by Reynol Junco, a professor at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, to help determine if Facebook was significantly affecting students grades.

The study found that overall time spent on Facebook did affect students grades, but students who performed certain specific actions on the sites had higher grades than others. Students who shared links and simply checked the site to see what their friends were up to had higher grades than those who updated their statuses frequently.

Surely Mark Zuckerberg didn’t intend to help students all over the world fail classes, though the creation of the website did helped him drop out of Harvard. When it comes down to it, students know what they are getting themselves into. Attempting to study while you’re on Facebook is like trying to lose weight eating only McDonald’s.... it just won’t help. And while Zuckerberg’s estimated net worth is now 25 billion dollars, that doesn’t mean Facebook will help you get there.

48 percent of people ages 18 to 34 check their Facebook when they wake up.

28 percent check their Facebook in the morning while still in bed.  
- Digitalbuzz.com

# Stay-cation in New Jersey

Chelsea Masterson  
STAFF WRITER

Let’s face it, gas prices are way too high. It almost hurts to go to the pump. Just because gas prices are high doesn’t mean you can’t go on vacation this summer. Let me introduce you into the world of a “stay-cation.” It is amazing how many relaxing and fun things you can do on your stay-cation right in your backyard.

Cape May is full of vacation activities and it’s in our own state. Stay in a bed and breakfast a night or two and relax on the beach all day. Cape May is one of those towns where you can forget you are in New Jersey. It’s quiet, has a small town atmosphere and has gorgeous hotels and bed & breakfasts. A great bonus, Cape May is not far from Atlantic City, so you can have a fun night out while on your stay-cation.

I know some of you are thinking “Well, I’ve been to Cape May and Atlantic City, why is this different?” Going to these places and staying overnight are entirely different. You have to look at it as not going somewhere you’ve always been to but somewhere with new eyes.

New Jersey has an awesome drive-in theater in Vineland; a double feature only costs \$9.00! While down south, along the coast different groups have giant painted clam shells similar to the cows in New York. Make it a scavenger hunt! Go out with your friends and see who can hit the most in a certain amount of time.

In the summer it’s all about water. Go tubing in the Delaware

River with family and friends. Some tubing companies even include a free meal! New Jersey has so many beaches. Go beach hoping up and down the coast. There is such a wide variety in beaches along the coast, which gives you a wide variety of beaches to visit.

We are so close to New York and there are so many cruises that take you around the sky-line. I personally would take a night cruise; the sky-line looks much prettier at night. Go with a group of friends, get all dressed up and cruise the night away.

Changing your mindset can definitely change your experience. Think like a tourist. Do all of the touristy things you wouldn’t normally do. Go blueberry picking, take goofy pictures in front of things you see every day, go on a tour of something local in your town. The best thing to do is go with a group of friends that you know you can have a great time with.

There is so much to do in New Jersey. A stay-cation can be just as fun as a vacation, but you don’t have to break the bank with ridiculous gas prices.

For more travel tips and tricks check out Chelsea’s blog: **chellystravels.blogspot.com**

# The Ambiguity of College Relationships

## “Where is this going?” Could Mean, “Sayonara”

Melanie Tolomeo  
STAFF WRITER

In the college dating scene, it is sometimes very difficult to gauge potential mates as far as what they are looking for and how dateable they are. In fact, it can even be difficult to know what you want for yourself from day to day. And while monogamous relationships are common at high school age and towards one’s late 20s, college dating seems to be one big question mark. Dating practices that are considered “whorish” or “player-ish” in high school seem to be considered “experimental” and “acts of discovering oneself” in college.

I am not saying that no one in college has relationships. I am just saying that casual physical intimacy and serial dating are commonplace in college. It is simply sometimes easier with busy sched-

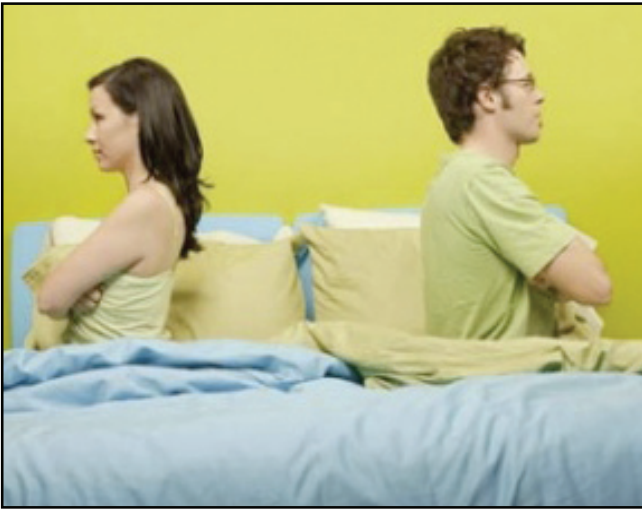


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ules and sporadic emotions to keep things low key. However, situations get tricky when trying to distinguish physical intimacy from emotional intimacy. What looks and sounds one way to one partner could be interpreted as something completely different to another. What seems like spontaneous fun to one partner could look like a potential relation-

ship behind the lenses of another.

In 2012, we have developed quite a few labels for this type of relationship, if I dare call it that. How often have you heard “I’m talking to someone” or “I’m kind of with someone”? These flings can be fun, but if there is potential for more than just friends with benefits, I think that

it is important to set boundaries.

Namely, is this “Christmas gift” serious? Can you see other people? Are you interested in emotional intimacy or are your vertical conversations geared towards the goal of getting horizontal?

This type of dialogue can be very difficult for many reasons. For one, people are fickle and want to be able to pull the plug at any given moment. Also, one side of the relationship does not want to seem to care too much or make things look too serious. It is like an emotional strategy game, and attempting to define the terms can often scare someone away or give them the upper hand. Still, the ambiguity can lead to some serious misunderstandings, so I think it is important to be open with your partner without springing the “What are we? What are we doing?” question in an intimidating way.

# Privatized Poultry Inspection Ruffles Feathers

Katherine Oakes  
STAFF WRITER

In gag-worthy news, we have a story that’s been ruffling up some feathers, as of late, amongst workers in the poultry industry and beyond. The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) wants to privatize inspection of chicken and turkey carcasses, which is currently independent and federally funded. The point of this is so that they can get away with doing certain things that are against regulation, like cutting 1,000 inspecting jobs and speeding up the amount of poultry per minute from 140 between four FSIS (Food and Safety Inspection Service) inspectors to 170 for only one, maybe two, inspectors at the end. Ludicrous, you say? Me too. In their

rebuttal, the USDA claims that the privatization is necessary for not only saving inspectors upwards of 90 million dollars in the next three years but for the prevention of 5,200 food-related illnesses. Yeah, I know, still bogus.

The idea of privatization and job cutting in the thousands makes zero sense considering our economic situation at the moment, and to think that the removal of inspectors will prevent diseases is just plain illogical. I feel like I’m back in math class again: “you mean, one plus negative one equals zero? Shouldn’t I at least have something?” What’s really unbelievable is that the jobs the inspectors are paid to do is literally inspect the carcass for — brace yourself — bile, feces, bruises, blisters and other unsanitary surprises that

these lovely members of the poultry family have to offer us on the factory belts post-mortem.

Come on guys, that’s gross. Obviously, birds with this residue will carry pathogens into the meat that is being eaten at the dinner table, plus the blatant disregard for public health and safety is even more revolting.

In an article by Mike Elk, from online paper The Independent, a rather convincing quote from advocate and deputy undersecretary for food safety of agriculture Brian Ronholm is given: “It’s primarily a public health thing, and by the way, it reduces spending.”B-T-W, Mister deputy undersecretary, my 12-year-old cousin could write a better proposal. Speaking of quotes,this issue has been particularly inspiring for

protesters. I, for one, love a good controversy that inspires puns. Seeing the American public’s wit and creativity manifest itself through passionate outcries via sharpies and poster board never fails to stir me up as well. “Don’t play chicken with food safety,” “Chicken inspection isn’t a speed sport” and “Speed Kills,” are some of the best ones I’ve heard.

All jokes aside, it’s disturbing to see what the government and corporations can get away with by declaring certain institutions “privatized.” I encourage you all, as always, to stay informed, stay updated and if not to fight for what you believe in to at least believe in something.



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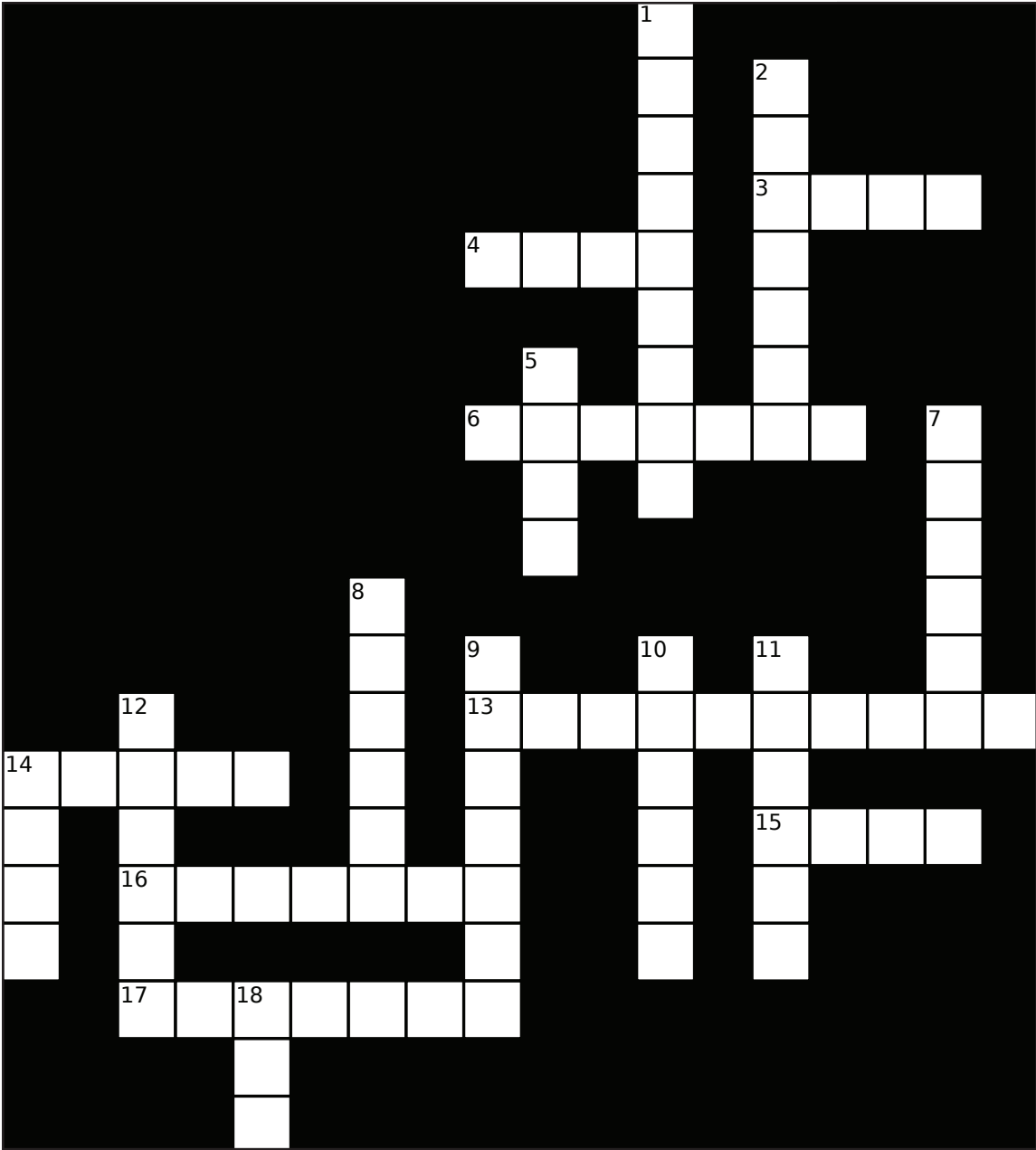
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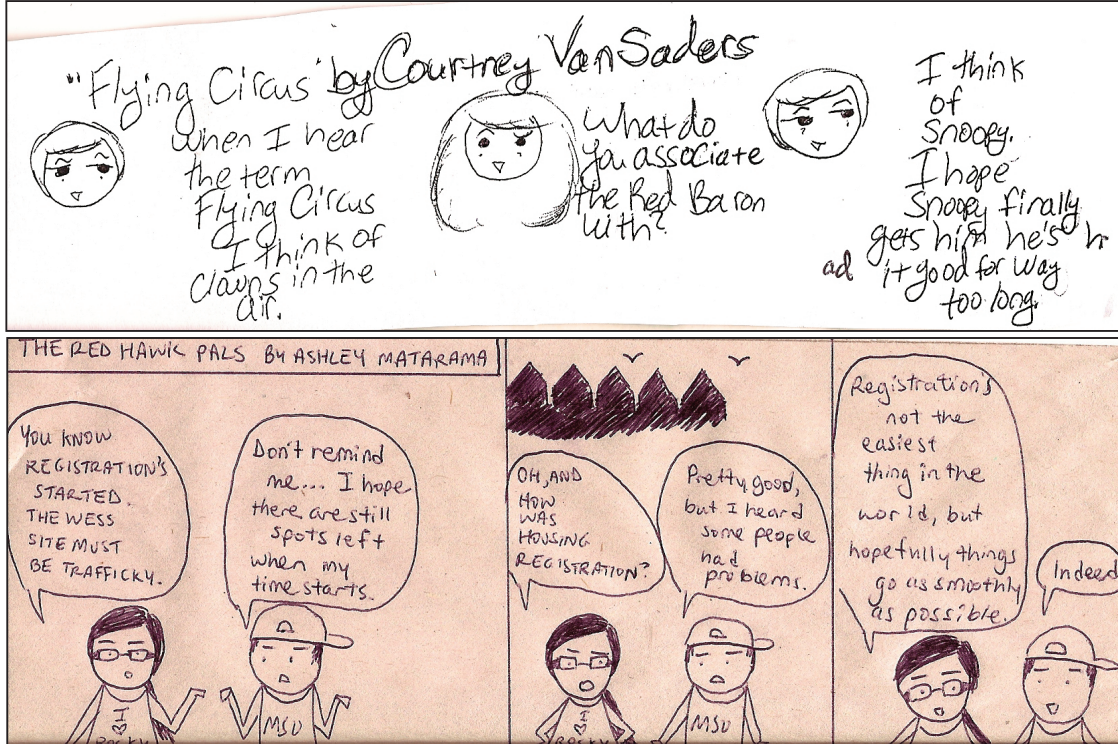
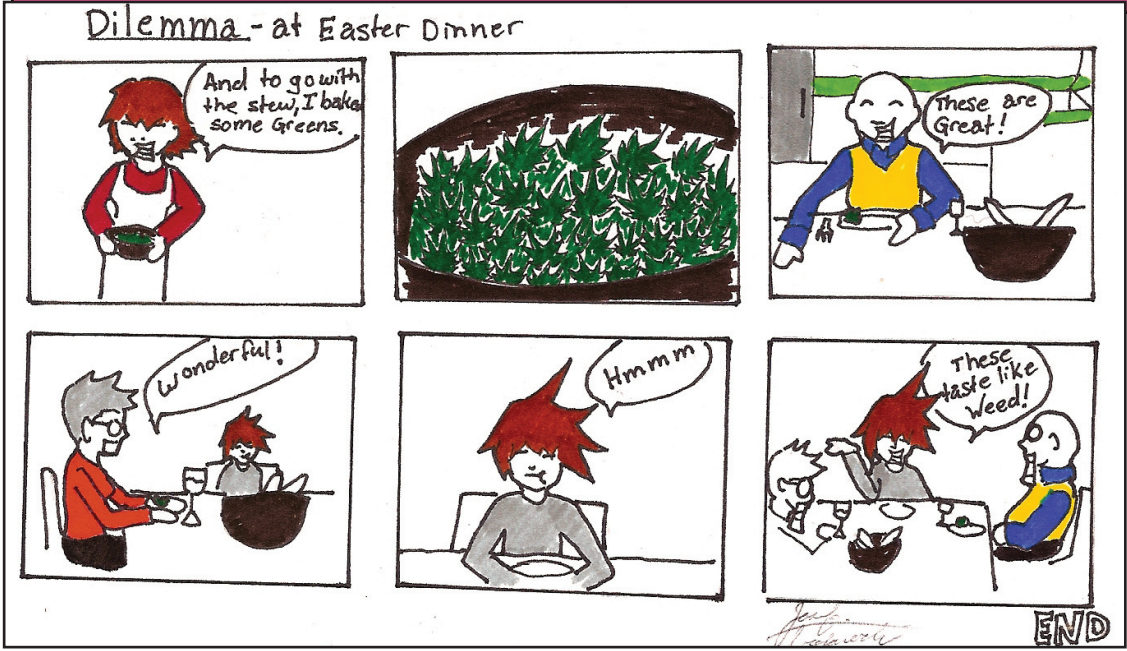
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  - 16 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lambs
  - 17 No \_\_\_\_\_ Attached

- Down
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  - 9 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lost Ark
  - 10 The \_\_\_\_\_ Games
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# Private Eyes Are Watching You

Recently, New York City's boys in blue have been getting a bad reputation... and for good reason.

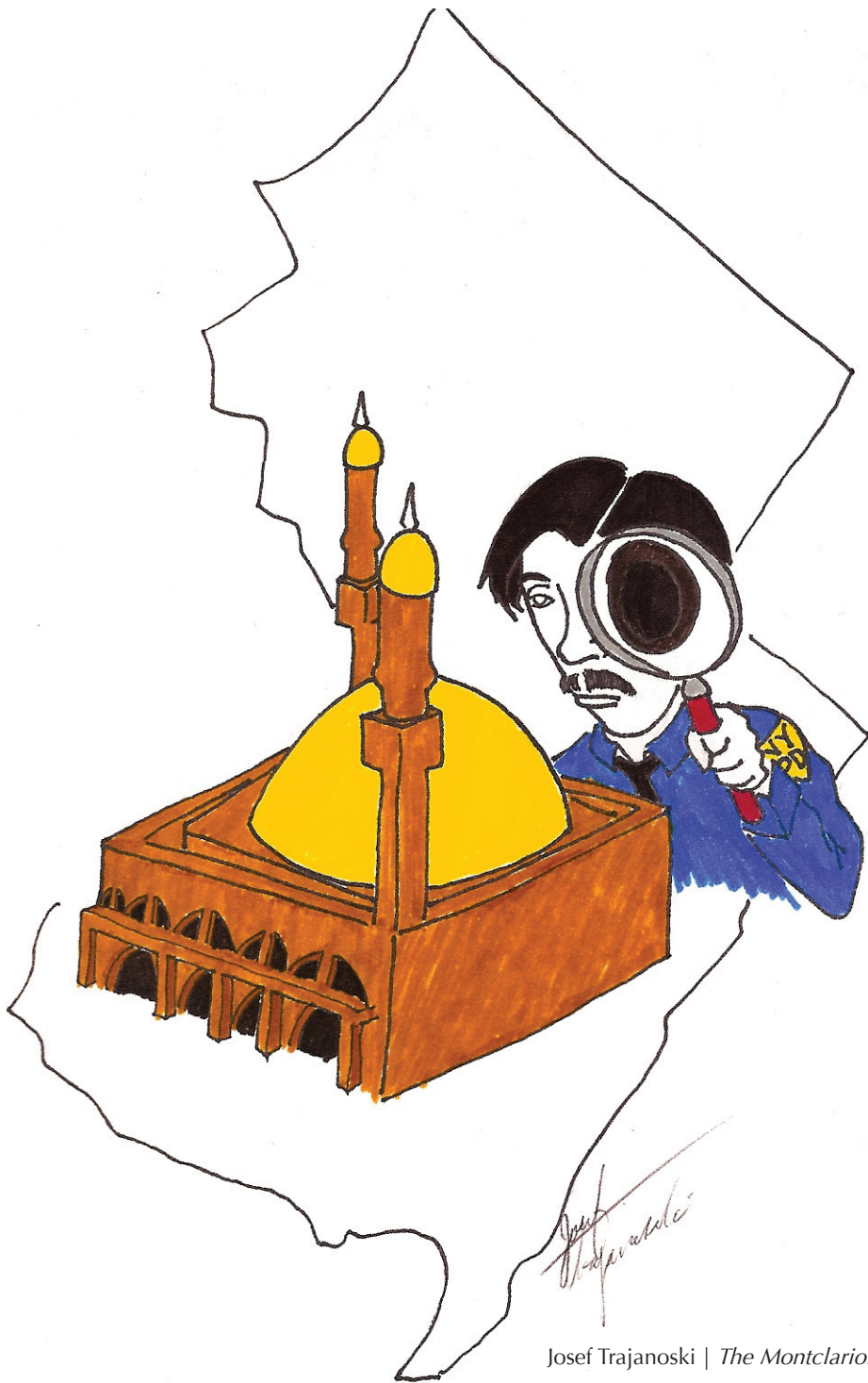
With half of the country up in arms about racial profiling in the Trayvon Martin case and the other half still buzzing about bullying issues across our great nation, the NYPD has found their neat little niche somewhere in the gray area between the two controversial subjects and has been hoping to keep their private business out of the public eye.

That private business just so happens to be the unconstitutional surveillance of Muslim communities and it stems from ideologically-abetted Islamophobia, the intense fear or dislike of Muslims, which been a major issue in this country since the World Trade Center attacks on 9/11.

Though its intensity has hopefully flagged over the past ten and a half years, the fear that followers of Islam are a threat to the greater good of our country is still far too prevalent and continues to provide our government justification for many civil rights violations under the veil of safety and security.

Islamophobia justified training NYPD recruits by forcing repeated viewings of anti-Muslim propaganda specifically created to portray all Muslims as threatening extremists and now it apparently justifies unlawful and unwarranted espionage targeting the unfortunately villainized community.

After an Associated Press investigation revealed that the NYPD were in New Jersey documenting the whereabouts and activities of peaceful Muslim-Americans including where they ate, where they prayed and, in some cases, the details of the sermons themselves,



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the question of "how far is too far?" comes predominantly to mind.

This isn't to say that the surveillance of suspected criminals is wrong and that we should leave matters up to chance, but crusading against a group of people based on their religious beliefs seems to be spitting in the face of the very American ideals we are told are in danger.

But, let's be honest, this is really just old news simply with another scary face emblazoned upon the ever-growing list of threats to the greater good.

Whether it's the English tax, the axis domination, the commie spy, the black revolutionary or the Mexican laborer, the list of public menaces seems to find no resolution nor does it have an end in sight.

Maybe now, with the country's focus back on the blatant discrimination that has riddled our country's economical and social development since its birth, we can become the country we have always believed we are where people are actually free to speak their minds, follow their hearts and even practice their own religions without duress.

As the world's melting pot, we owe a lot of our contemporary culture to the subtle, and sometimes not-so-subtle (I'm looking at you, English skinny jeans), influences of people from all around the world.

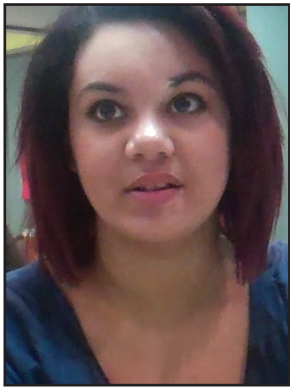
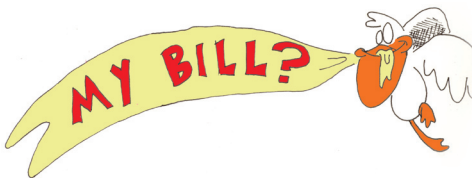
How we repay these fine folks, however, is by distancing ourselves and then denying them even the chance to be equal members of a society that they help forge day in and day out.

If we can't change everyone's minds one-by-one, maybe the first step is doing something to change a system that constantly encourages prejudice towards other cultures.

# Students Speak



Do you think that George Zimmerman should have been arrested?



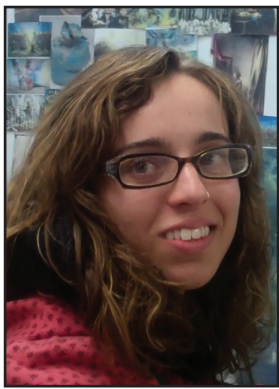
Judissa Martinez  
Sophomore  
French Translation/Religion

"I do definitely think it's good that he's arrested. It definitely won't be enough justice for Trayvon's family though."



Ariel Flood  
Senior  
Business Management

"Considering his actions afterwards and the fact that it was a kid, then yeah, there is really not much in his defense."



Erin Doyle  
Senior  
Fine Arts/ Painting

"I do think it is just. From what I understand, there wasn't much justification in the reason for his shooting. Also, based on his background, I think it's a little sketchy."



Graham Howard Preston  
Junior  
Fine Arts/ Painting

"Yeah, for sure. I think the main issue is that this whole thing could have been avoided if the neighborhood watch weren't allowed to carry guns. Just make the police do their job."



# Graduation Frustration and Job Applications

Entering an unemployable job market with a grin and a grimace



**TRAVIS LANCASTER**  
COLUMNIST

Dear Sir or Madam... I'll look the name up later,

I'm writing you today to inform you of my availability as an employee at your establishment.

I recently graduated from a fairly well revered state school in New Jersey, where I triple minored in Social Media Studies, Pet Psychology and Communication — no, not even Communication minors know what it really is.

And after taking a year off to find myself while backpacking through the streets of downtown Miami with some college buddies, I realized that my ideal

To whom it may concern,

Perhaps that's a bad start — I've been told by numerous web sources and articles not to start a cover letter that way. Let's start over.

future lies in the world of business — your business, that is.

Anyway, I'm delighted to announce that since graduating, my time has been significantly freed up now that I am no longer obliged to attend classes (when I feel like it), fraternize with my fellow classmates (drinking warm cans of beer in dimly lit rooms with ear-splitting music and sticky floors) and spend hours on end perusing the annals of the Internet instead of writing papers and studying for exams (although, this last part is unlikely to change; especially if the job I am going to receive will include sitting anywhere near a computer).

Why do I think I'm the right man for the job? Let me answer that by asking you this: Why do you think I'm the right man for the job?

I believe I have a lot to offer your company.

I graduated elementary school with a 3.9 GSA (gold star average), an advanced understanding of numbers one through six and the letters of the first half alphabet and a reputation for constructing "particularly daring macaroni noodle and glue experiments."

I've been told — on more than one occa-

sion — that I'm extraordinarily ordinary and exceptionally unexceptional at almost everything that I do.

Also, as a founding member of my fraternity's Ultimate Couch Frisbee team I've obtained the spirit of a born leader and team player.

As for experience, I've never really had a job, per se.

As a college freshman, I was the designated "Condom King" of my dorm building's floor, and as a fraternity brother, it was my job to get beer on Thursdays and wash the plastic utensils after dinner on Tuesdays.

Also, there was one summer that I worked as a camp counselor for a week (before realizing that I'd rather be in Aruba with my best friend's family — YOLO, am I right?)

Attached is a list of my skills and qualifications — which I think you'll find most useful in your specific line of industry — a recommendation from my sophomore Introduction to Philosophy professor (who on more than one occasion referred to me as "not the least intelligent human being he'd ever met") and a letter from my uncle's second wife's brother's landlord's dog's breeder's mother who was, at one

point in her life, the CEO of an extremely successful independent business — which had something to do with the fast paced world of the shirt stain cleaning industry.

I think that you will find this letter, as well as the supporting documents that I've enclosed, more than satisfactory proof of my capabilities.

I believe I would make an excellent addition to your team, and I think — nay, I know — that I have all of the qualifications necessary to make an enormous difference to your company and one day to the world.

I'm very excited at the prospect of working closely with you and the higher ups of the company, of which I have no doubt, I will one day be seated among.

I look forward to your response and to coming in for an interview — which I'm sure is little more than a formality at this point — at the offices of Johnson Libeler and Associates Paper Slicing and Sticky Note Manufacturing.

Sincerely,  
Travis J. Lancaster

*Travis Lancaster, an English major, is in his first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.*

## Shake Off Stress or Let It Fuel You?

Don't let stress slow you down, use it to your advantage



**KELYN BORTZ**  
COLUMNIST

I'm not talking about getting to sleep for ten hours after a busy day of work or school. Rather, the feeling that nothing else matters but just staring at a cloud for an hour even if you have loads of work to get done.

It may have been easy to lose this state of relaxation especially with the amount of work college students are expected to get done. Three tests in one day? Check. Work for eight hours and a ten page paper due the next day? Check. Running on barely any sleep after reading a 400-page book for one class? Check.

The people who know me, without hes-

When was the last time you went for a hike? Or the last time you sat on a blanket in a park just enjoying the day?

Better question, when was the last time you felt relaxed?

itation, would tell you that I am a type-A to the max.

I make lists of when assignments are due and make sure that I am prepared for them in plenty of time. I hate being late. I hate being sick, not because of the being sick part, but because of the missing "important" information part. And between school and work, I barely have any time to focus on things that I actually want to do and that make me happy.

After four years of exhausting myself to the point of vitamin deficiencies and asthma, I decided to really take a look at how necessary all the stress is in my life. How does it affect my body, my mind and my relationships with others?

After doing some research, here are some things I found that may interest those who feel way too stressed.

A little stress is good for the body, according to WebMD. It can help you focus and give you a burst of energy when that "2 p.m." feeling is coming on.

It is only when the stress becomes prolonged or continuous that it begins to have negative affects on the body, including "headaches, upset stomach, elevated blood pressure, chest pain and problems sleeping" just to name a few.

Stress can also lower the functioning

of the immune system, which may cause a stressed person to get sick easier than a relaxed person.

Maybe the most obvious effect we notice about stress is the constant mood changes. We become short-tempered and agitated with those around us, not only causing issues in relationships but also making us stress out even more.

Helpguide explains that prolonged stress may also lead to overwhelmed feelings, unhappiness and depression, which essentially affect our well-being.

Both websites also point out the true effect of substances that are typically used to reduce stress, like alcohol and tobacco. Most of us believe that these substances can help, but "instead of relieving the stress and returning the body to a relaxed state, these substances tend to keep the body in a stressed state and cause more problems."

I started to look for relaxation methods that are not only healthy for the body but for the mind as well. Since stress is made much worse because of the way we think about it ("I'm never going to get this done," or "I'm not getting any sleep tonight"), the best way to relax is to simply get your mind off it.

Going on a short walk, listening to

music or even just focusing on nothing but breathing for a while can all help the body's arousal state level off as well as take your attention away from everything you have to do.

Yoga is well-known for helping its followers lead a very calm and happy life. In addition, don't bite off more than you can chew. If you're already stressed, agreeing to tutor someone or help someone with their paper when yours isn't even halfway done is just going to make it worse.

Be a little selfish for a second and put your own health first (Indulge in this because this is the only time you'll ever hear me say that being selfish is okay).

Most of us have a hate-hate relationship with stress. But in reality, stress is meant to protect you from danger, whether life-threatening or just college enrollment-threatening. So do yourself (and the people around you) a favor and relax a little!

In the wise words of Ferris Bueller, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

*Kelyn Bortz, an English major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.*

## Project Glass Reveals a Whole New World

Google's new hands-free prototype to tote GPS and more!



**MONIKA BUJAS**  
ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR

creation, Project Glass.

Project Glass is basically a phone that's also glasses, though it looks more like a head piece in my opinion.

The best way to describe them is a metallic wrap-around glasses frame, attached to the metal frame there seems to be a clear-colored display that is set up above the right eye.

The display contains a miniature camera and microphone. What makes these "glasses" so peculiar is that all the prototypes displayed online do not have any

lenses yet, but it's assumed that lenses will be placed in the device, maybe to match one's prescription.

Even though Google has not announced a release date for the product they did post commercials online for Project Glass.

The most recent commercial takes you on a first-person journey with a young man who is using these glasses as he journeys through New York City.

We never actually get to see the man but we experience what it is like to wear the glasses.

He uses the glasses to map out walking routes, contact and map out his friend's location, maneuvers through a book store, take pictures and by the end he is video-chatting with his girlfriend.

We get an idea as to how the glasses can function. The menus stay at the top corners of the lenses so the view isn't obstructed.

I am concerned that when messages or maps are pulled up the viewers will be distracted and it could get in the way if you are driving.

The man working on the project is bio-nanotechnician Mr. Babak Parviz who recently built a tiny contact lens that has embedded electronics that can display pixels to a person's eye.

The glasses will be running on the same system the Androids are on but just a wearable kind of Android. Also the cool thing about Project Glass is that they are trying to make it look graceful.

Most of the people testing the product love it, saying it is pretty handy and not as distracting as a real phone because you're not checking it 500 times for a new message. Everything is nicely displayed in front of you.

I think that Project Glass actually sounds pretty cool.

My only concerns is that the display might get in the way, but considering it's there momentarily, it might not be as distracting as I think it is.

I also do not feel 100 percent comfortable with the fact that everything is through voice command, including text messaging.

I do not want to be walking around

New York City screaming "I have the red death" and then telling my phone to send that to my mother.

Another problem with the phones we have now is voice recognition, so what if my pair of glasses sends a butchered message through faulty voice recognition.

Those are the only concerns I have with the device, otherwise I would love to see the final product.

I also cannot wait to see if they will create apps for the glasses.

If they do, I would recommend an app that assigns people power levels like Scouters from *Dragon Ball Z* or have Navi from *The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time* being a navigation cursor for Google Maps on Project Glass.

"Hey, listen! Turn onto 41st." I'll be waiting by my computer for the release date.

*Monika Bujas, a communications major, is in her first year as assistant opinion editor for The Montclarion.*

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# Laughs and Learning With Lewis Black

## Comedian delivers a heartfelt performance

David Acosta  
Staff Writer

Stand-up comedian Lewis Black took the stage at Memorial Auditorium Tuesday in a no boundaries act that left the crowd laughing, applauding and most importantly learning. After a quick entertaining opening act by John Bowman, Black took the stage and walked onto loud applause from the audience and began his stampede of comedy, facts and life lessons. From taking on topics from his life as a child dealing with four channels on the television, to his proposal for his generation have a lasting effect on the country by getting marijuana legalized instead of being known as the generation who could “hang out better than any other generation ever.”

Black’s act dealt heavily with politics and the Republican primary elections for a majority of the night. After informing the audience of news in the world including foreign aid and the war in Afghanistan, Black repeatedly stated that he sided with neither Democrats nor Republicans and stayed in the middle after complaining about both parties. Black then single-handedly exposed all of the GOP candidates and informed the audience of his anger about the conflicts between Demo-



Lewis Black rocked the house on Tuesday night.

The Montclarion | Carley Hussain

crats and Republicans and how the two parties need to find a common goal on all the conflicts in the country.

Black has the personality of a very frustrated man who suffers from ADD and anxiety, as he stated and his opening act reiterated his building anger and frustration throughout his act is a key and largely loved part of his comedy and personality. Yelling at the audience, cursing every other word and most importantly, getting his point across while keeping the topics and jokes funny; that is the general overview of Black’s comedic style.

Black, 63, finished his act with an inspirational section. He told the audience that as the current youth and generation, we have to do what makes us happy. “College are some of the best years of your life and I know you hear this over and over but it’s because it’s true!”

Black left the audience questioning what makes them happy and how to achieve that in our lives, as well as leaving us with a night of laughs, fun and knowledge.



# What I’m Playing this Week

## Skullgirls destroys clichés

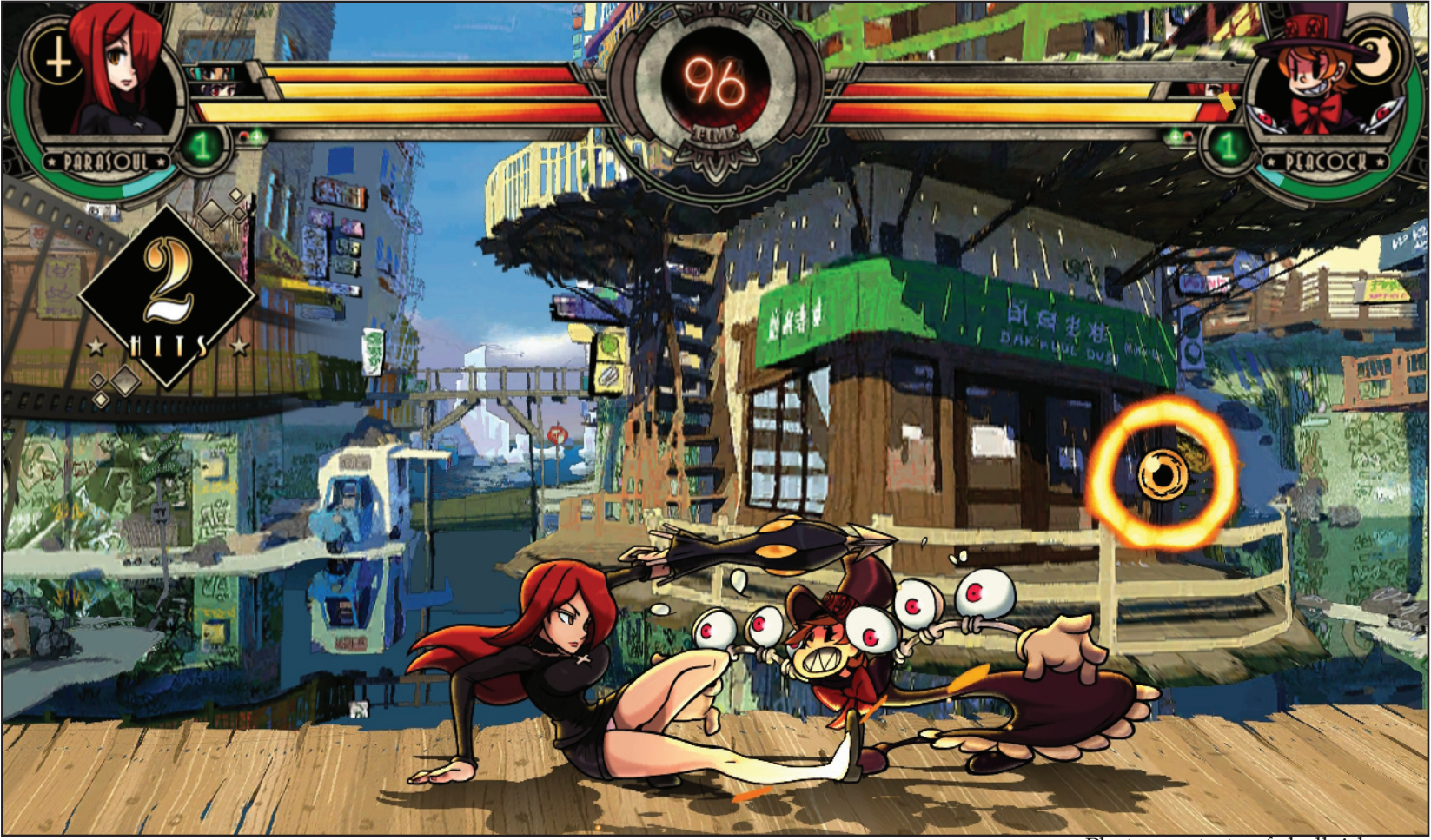
Alan Vallee  
Arts Editor

It’s noon right now and I’m in my living room with some friends. On the television is the newest game to take residency in our apartment — *Skullgirls*. Just released on Xbox Live and PSN, it’s a fighting game made by independent studio Reverge Labs and spearheaded by veteran player and designer Mike Zaimont, better known by his moniker “Mike Z.” If you ever saw the tutorial videos that came with the original *BlazBlue* you may remember him for those, as I do. *Skullgirls* is his baby.

After the “Dead Era” of fighting games from 2001-2008, there has been a resurgence of the fighting genre with Capcom leading the way with *Street Fighter IV*, the game that single-handedly resuscitated a genre and lead to the development of *Marvel vs Capcom 3*, *Street Fighter x Tekken* and the newest entry, Reverge Labs’ *Skullgirls*.

On first look at this game, the most striking aspect is the visuals. Each sprite was animated at twice the resolution modern systems are capable of and also features the most frames of animation in any fighting game in history. When combined with its oddly compelling anime/art deco mashup style, the game is a joy to look at even if you don’t play.

The running commentary



Skullgirls puts the kick back in the fighting game genre.

Photo courtesy of skullgirls.com

of character comparisons, callouts, strategies, moves performed and gaming in general makes it a little hard to hear the soundtrack, composed by Michiru Yamane of *Castlevania* fame. However, having heard early leaks of the tracks, the only word to say is “wow.” The jazzy tunes for all eight characters suits the deco looks of the game and makes you nostalgic for an era that never actually existed. But that’s just the presentation, the real meat and bones of the game are far more impressive.

*Skullgirls* was designed primarily by Mike Zaimont, a tournament veteran and legend in the fighting game community. With this perspective, Zaimont designed the game with tournament players as the target audience as opposed to more typical design choice of making it accessible to casual players and having the tournament level players discover the advanced strategies. In spite of this focus on having the most serious fighting game in history, the game is highly accessible to the most

casual of players thanks to the single best tutorial mode in the history of videogames.

Whereas typical tutorials only teach you how to do special moves and specific combos, *Skullgirls* teaches you everything you need to know to compete at a high level. From the basics of movement to high-low mix-ups with tick throws cancelled into supers, it walks you through the process and holds your hand the entire way until you’re ready for your first real match.

The gameplay is a little

bit odd as it borrows from other long-standing franchises to ultimately make the game both fun and unique. With only eight characters, the game can be learned fairly quickly which is good since tournament season is in full swing.

For anyone who wants to get into fighting games, there are far worse places to start than *Skullgirls*. When every aspect is as excellent and filled with love as this game, there really is no excuse not to buy it.





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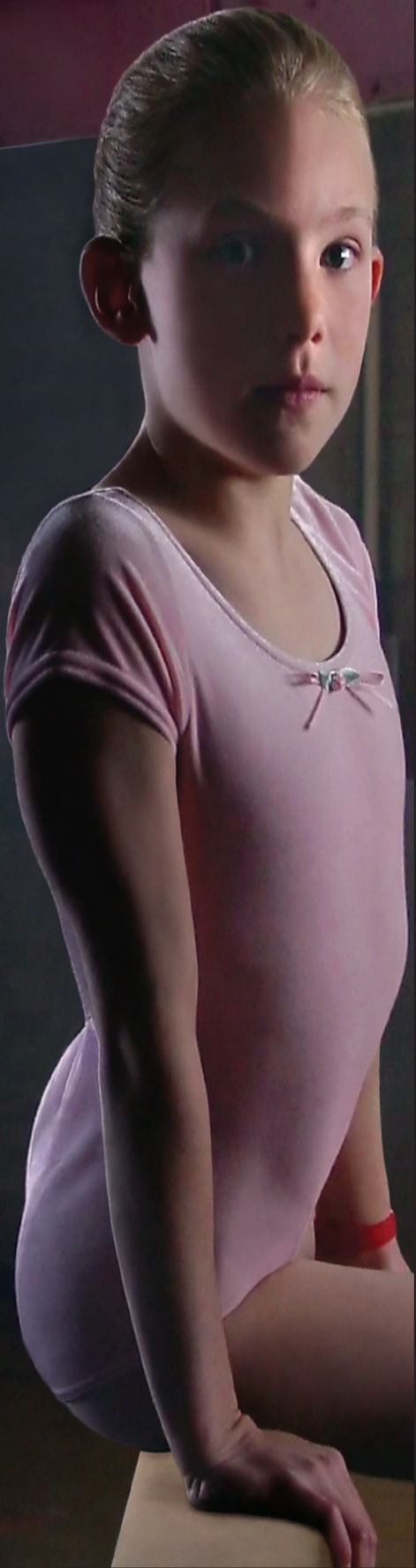
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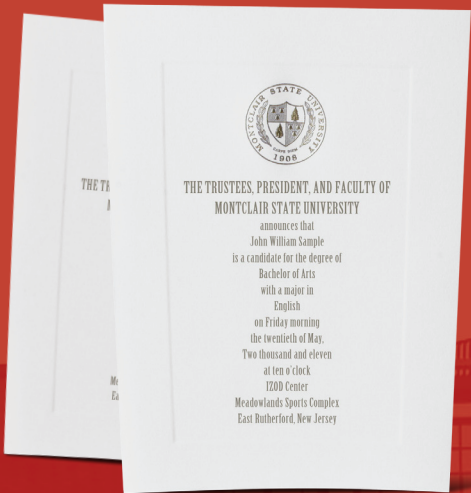
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# Guillen’s In-Fidel-ity Proves Costly

## Guillen suffers five-game suspension due to Castro remarks

**Corey Aron**  
STAFF WRITER

It only took newly-acquired Miami Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen five games to stir up yet another one his of outrageous antics. Guillen is notoriously known for saying whatever is on his mind; whether it’s blatantly cursing, admitting to getting drunk at hotel bars after playing games on the road or simply lashing out at his own players and criticizing the up-line management of the team. Newsflash, Ozzie: Winning a World Series back in 2005 doesn’t give you the authority to say all of these explicit things. His recent mistake was telling Time magazine about his admiration for former Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

Guillen stated, “I respect Fidel Castro. You know why? A lot of people have wanted to kill Fidel Castro for the last 60 years, but that [expletive] is still here.” Guillen claims that his comments were misinterpreted by the reporter. My question is, why in the world are you bringing up Castro and what relevance does he have to baseball? Despite Guillen being of Latino descent, this isn’t going to fare well in a city like Miami, considering that their new stadium is now located in the middle of Little Havana, which is home to many Cuban-Americans who fled Cuba to seek freedom from communism.

The Marlins already have enough difficulty getting fans to fill up their ballpark’s seats; the team ranked 28 out of 30 teams last season in total attendance. Not only that, but the Marlins are in the National League East, one of baseball’s most competitive divisions and a distraction is the last thing they need. Their team lacks



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**Ozzie Guillen has become infamous for the controversy that he brings to the MLB. He is known for his rants, tirades, outbursts and other run-ins with the media and MLB organization**

strong leadership required to control players who have exhibited poor behavior in the past, such as Carlos Zambrano, Hanley Ramirez and Logan Morrison. A manager’s job is to never upstage his team unless he needs to stick up for one of his players and argue with the umpire during a bad call. His job is to keep the team fundamentally disciplined and keep a positive morale in the clubhouse. The Marlins really went out of their way this past off-season to change

their entire image. I’m not sure if they really knew what they got themselves into by hiring Guillen. So far, he’s been a liability and that shouldn’t be the case when it comes to being a manager. However, Guillen did hold over a 40 minute press conference expressing his deepest apologies, calling this “the biggest mistake in my life and if I don’t learn from my biggest mistake, then I am dumb.”

Whether he’s talking to reporters in Spanish or English, this latest epi-

sode of his will make him think twice before outlandishly saying something that can be taken as offensive. As a consequence of his remarks, Guillen has been suspended for five games without pay. He’s also been given a second chance from the organization. As for the fans and the community of Miami, I think the only way Guillen could gain their respect is by making this ball club a winning team. Maybe this could be the wake-up call that this man needed.

# Stanley Cup Playoff Preview

## 2012 playoffs promise to entertain

**Kyle Chmura**  
STAFF WRITER

It’s once again the time of year when the NHL players start to grow beards that put both Abraham Lincoln and Grizzly Adams to shame. Yes, it is the start of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The regular season is over and only 16 teams remain. What lies ahead is the long and arduous journey to claiming the title of Champion of the National Hockey League. Of all the professional sports, the NHL’s run for the cup is the longest playoff period. Over the next month, you will see the 16 teams dwindle down to eight, then to four and the final two.

Last year, the cup was decided after seven matches between the Vancouver Canucks and the underdog Boston Bruins. This year, both teams return to the playoffs. The Canucks are, once again, ranked number one and return to the playoffs with a grudge to settle.

With the power of the Sedin twins, Daniel and Henrik, controlling the red line and Robert Luongo, one of the top rated goalies in the league, they will attempt to plow their way through the rest of the Western Conference for a shot once again to take the Stanley Cup.

The first team they will be facing is the Los Angeles Kings, led by captain Dustin Brown and former Philadelphia Flyers captain Mike Richards. Though the Kings managed to slide past the Colorado Avalanche to squeeze a spot in the playoffs, they couldn’t have been put up against a worse opponent.

Also in the Western Conference are the St. Louis Blues, who will be

going head to head with the San Jose Sharks. The Sharks were another team that managed to flounder into the playoffs, but the Blues may be in trouble. The last month of regular season play, the Blues were roughing it out against teams that didn’t make the playoffs like the Carolina Hurricanes, Anaheim Ducks and Columbus Blue Jackets.

In order to advance any further than the first round of the playoffs, the Blues must step up to their defense and return to their mid-season prime.

The Cinderella team of the season is the Phoenix Coyotes. After two straight years of being blown out by the Detroit Red Wings, they managed to win the division title and pulled into third place in the playoff rankings.

Their match-up against the Chicago Blackhawks will be no walk in the park, as the Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup title two years ago. Though they lost four games to three against the Canucks last year, the Blackhawks are going to be looking to return the title back to Chicago this year.

The single most interesting match-up of the Western Conference is going to be between the Red Wings and the Nashville Predators. The Predators are looking to avenge the beating they faced at the hands of the Red Wings in the playoffs back in 2008. At the same time, the Red Wings are looking to get back the Stanley Cup after a four-year drought.

This game is going to end up with a lot of scrap outs, as the Red Wings have been known to play dirty, while the Predators have over the years picked up an attitude of not taking guff from their opponents.

It’s clear in who in the Eastern Conference has the guts to make it

to the second round this year. The number one New York Rangers have been going full steam all season long and are looking to quickly brush the Ottawa Senators out of the playoffs in four games. With the line-up they have and Henrik Lundqvist at goalie, they are surely to be a contender for the Eastern Conference title.

The one team they have to truly worry about later in the playoffs are the returning Stanley Cup Champions, the Boston Bruins. The Bruins had a rough start to the season, but have steadily picked up the slack since the All-Star Game.

They will be taking on the Washington Capitals, who have been dogging it through the season, with captain Alex Ovechkin playing like he has half a concussion. Boston goalie Tim Thomas, though injured earlier in the season, will step up to the net for the playoffs and will look to lead the Bruins back to the cup once again.

The underdog New Jersey Devils used to be one of the best teams in the NHL, but it’s almost been a decade since they won a Stanley Cup title, and it’s been a rough few years for them even making the playoffs. This year, they seem to have kicked it up a notch by snatching the sixth place position for the playoffs and are facing the Florida Panthers.

This will have the Devils attempt to bring the Cup back to the Garden State, but first they must pry the victories away from the Panthers, who haven’t been in the playoffs since 2000. The fact that sweetens the pot is that the last time the Panthers reached the playoffs, they were blown out four games to zero by, who else, the New Jersey Devils.

The last match-up of the Stanley

Cup quarterfinals is between the two Keystone State rivals, the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Flyers. This is going to be one of the hardest matches of the season as Sid “The Kid” Crosby is back in rare form. Though he’s one of the best and brightest in the league, he will have to contend for the win against the likes of Chris Pronger, Claude Giroux and Jaromir Jagr. Expect this matchup to go to game seven, as both sides duke it out for the chance to move closer to Lord Stanley’s Cup.

The Stanley Cup Playoffs started on Wednesday and will run the entire month of April and most of May, so remember to tune in to see your favorite teams make their run for the glory of the Stanley Cup. Don’t forget to check out the beards.

### Conference Quarterfinals

#### East:

**Rangers vs. Senators**

**Bruins vs. Capitals**

**Panthers vs. Devils**

**Penguins vs. Flyers**

#### West:

**Canucks vs. Kings**

**Blues vs. Sharks**

**Coyotes vs. Blackhawks**

**Predators vs. Red Wings**



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# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is OZZIE GUILLEN’S FIVE-GAME SUSPENSION FOR PRAISING FIDEL CASTRO JUSTIFIED?

**Nick Patriarca**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

I believe that high-profile athletes and coaches should stay out of the sensitive realms of politics and religion. Everyone is allowed to have their own beliefs, and that is one of the great things about this country. However, if I were in control of a professional organization, I would not take kindly to one of my representatives being so open about his political stance, especially in a part of the country where many people are sensitive to this particular issue. Guillen’s remarks were inappropriate, and the suspension is deserved.

**Nick Verhagen**  
SPORTS EDITOR

I agree with the decision to suspend him for five games. As a high-profile coach that has been around for so long, he should know by now to keep his mouth shut. He should have learned from his other countless verbal gaffes that he is not the best at speaking his opinion. It would be understandable if he simply said something stupid and they slapped him on the wrist, but the fact that he praised somebody who has caused so many problems is dumb, even for Guillen. Hopefully this suspension will finally teach Guillen a lesson.

**Jason Hrina**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Yes, his suspension is justified. His unorthodox and blunt personality make for an exceptional interview. This time, however, he should have kept his mouth shut. In short, Guillen praised Cuban dictator Fidel Castro for his ability to stay in power for so long. The comments were ill advised, but what is more baffling/stupid is the setting in which he made them in: Miami, an area filled with refugees and people who despise Castro. It’s like telling a New Yorker that Osama bin Laden is a saint.

## Baseball

	NJAC	Overall
WPU	5 - 1	20 - 5
MSU	5 - 1	15 - 8
Kean	4 - 2	19 - 7
Rowan	3 - 3	17 - 8
Stockton	3 - 3	15 - 10
TCNJ	3 - 3	15 - 11
RU-Newark	3 - 3	13 - 11
Ramapo	2 - 4	15 - 7
NJCU	1 - 5	10 - 14
RU-Camden	1 - 5	10 - 14

### This Week

4/12 vs RU-Newark	3:30 p.m.
4/13 @ RU-Newark	3:30 p.m.
4/14 @ Rowan (DH)	11:30 a.m./2:15 p.m.
4/17 vs RPI	4 p.m.
4/18 vs Johns Hopkins	7 p.m.

### Last Week

4/5 MSU 6, Ramapo 0
4/6 MSU 2, Ramapo 1
4/7 Kean 4, MSU 3
4/7 MSU 11, Kean 3
4/10 Keystone 6, MSU 2

## Softball

	NJAC	Overall
MSU	6 - 0	24 - 1
Kean	5 - 1	15 - 9
WPU	4 - 2	17 - 5
TCNJ	4 - 2	15 - 9
Rowan	3 - 3	23 - 4
Ramapo	3 - 3	16 - 4
Stockton	2 - 4	17 - 5
NJCU	2 - 4	11 - 15
RU-Camden	1 - 5	8 - 11
RU-Newark	0 - 6	9 - 14

### This Week

4/12 vs Polytechnic Institute NYU	3 p.m.
4/14 vs Rowan	1 p.m.
4/17 vs Kean	3 p.m.

### Last Week

4/6 MSU 5, TCNJ 4 (8 inn.)
4/6 MSU 8, TCNJ 0
4/10 MSU 1, RU-Newark 0
4/10 MSU 10, RU-Newark 2

## Men’s Lacrosse

	Skyline	Overall
Kean	3 - 0	9 - 4
MSU	2 - 0	5 - 5
Stockton	2 - 1	5 - 6
Maritime	1 - 1	2 - 10
Farmingdale	1 - 2	3 - 8
Mt. St. Mary	0 - 2	6 - 6
Mt. Saint V.	0 - 3	7 - 7

### This Week

4/12 @ Kean	7 p.m.
4/14 @ Mount Saint Vincent	1 p.m.
4/18 vs Maritime	7 p.m.

### Last Week

No Games Scheduled

## Women’s Lacrosse

	NJAC	Overall
TCNJ	3 - 0	10 - 2
MSU	2 - 0	7 - 3
Kean	2 - 1	7 - 4
Ramapo	1 - 3	4 - 5
Rowan	0 - 1	5 - 6
RU-Camden	0 - 3	3 - 6

### This Week

4/12 vs Mount St. Mary	7 p.m.
4/14 vs Mount St. Vincent	1 p.m.
4/18 vs Kean	4 p.m.

### Last Week

4/10 TCNJ 22, MSU 8

# WHO’S HOT THIS WEEK

## Jack Skeels

### Attack — Lacrosse

**Skeels scored four goals on five shots in the Red Hawks’ 14-8 win over Richard Stockton. Montclair had scored nine unanswered goals in that game with Skeels contributing three of them during that stretch. The win puts MSU in second place in the Skyline conference with a perfect 2-0 record (5-5 overall).**



## Melany Zeller

### Infielder — Softball

**Zeller couldn’t have picked a better time to hit her first collegiate homerun. Down to the team’s final strike, Zeller launched a game-tying, solo homerun to send the game into extra-innings. Montclair State would go ahead and win the game 5-4.**



# GAME OF THE WEEK

**Softball  
vs Rowan  
April 14, 1 p.m.**

**The Montclair State Red Hawks will defend first place and the best record in the NJAC conference (24-1) against the Rowan Profs, who currently hold the second-best record in the NJAC conference (23-4).**



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Ozzie Guillen bites off more  
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## Red Hawks Still Going Strong MSU currently 5-1 against NJAC opponents

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Just in time for opening day in the MLB, MSU baseball dove head-first into conference play with a pair of two-game sets against Ramapo College and sixth-ranked Kean University last week.

MSU's confidence was at its peak when they sent ace starter Sean Hille to the mound at Ramapo College last Thursday. The Red Hawks were on a six-game winning streak and they won in five of Hille's six starts until then. Last April, the senior lefty threw a two-hit shutout at Ramapo and he wasn't hesitant to continue mowing down the Roadrunners.

The game was scoreless until the top of the third when sophomore Cody Pace doubled in Mickey McGraw, who was hit by a pitch the previous at-bat. Two innings later, runners were on second and third when Pace drove both in on a single to right to make it a 3-0 game. Hille didn't find himself in trouble until the sixth when a walk loaded the bases for Ramapo. The pressure was on but Hille got out of the jam with his ninth strikeout of the afternoon.

He went on to strike out two more and only walked one in the game. With two outs in the ninth, designated-hitter Kevin Bond smacked a three-run homer to give the Red Hawks a comfortable 6-0 lead. The shutout was Hille's second this season, improving his record to 6-1. Hille was named Pitcher of the Week by the New Jersey Athletic Conference and the New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association for his recent performance.

The match-up continued the next day as the Red Hawks went home to host Ramapo. Like the first game, there was no score for the first few innings. In the top of the fourth, a single and a stolen base put a man on

second for Ramapo, which was followed by an RBI single for the first run of the game. Della Volpe was able to limit the damage to just a run that inning thanks to a double play.

The junior pitched five and one third innings, walking three in his no decision. Number two and three hitters Pace and Bond both had two hits for the second straight game. Down 1-0, junior catcher Scott Glozzy came up to bat with runners on second and third. On a 3-2 pitch, Glozzy singled up the middle to put MSU on the board, and on top 2-1. Junior Jake Campbell came on in relief earlier in the sixth and stayed on to finish the game, allowing only one hit in three and two thirds innings. The victory earned him his second win this season.

MSU's winning streak was at eight games entering the doubleheader against Kean on Saturday. The first game was a bit of a pitchers' duel, with little offense from either side. Senior Zach Brown was on the mound for the Red Hawks, looking good until the sixth inning, when the Cougars put together a four-run inning. The last run came on a wild pitch after a runner stole third base. Sophomore second baseman Lou Martini cut the deficit in half with a two-RBI single up the middle in the sixth, but the Red Hawks were unable to add any more after a double play put an end to the inning.

In the seventh, Pace tried to score from first on a double from Bond, but was called out in a play at the plate. MSU had two runs to make up in the ninth, but they came up just short of a comeback. A base hit and a walk put two runners on for Bond, who popped a two-out RBI-single to make it 4-3, but that would be all from Montclair, snapping their win streak and giving them their first loss in NJAC play.

MSU quickly brushed off the loss by game two and came out swinging.



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Sean Hille is currently 6-2 with a 2.27 era. Hille has thrown two shutouts and has recorded 47 strikeouts in his eight appearances .

In the bottom of the first, Bond hit a two-run homer for his third on the season. He was named an MSU Athlete of the Week, going 10-for-20 with four consecutive multi-hit games. MSU added runs in the third and fourth on a ground-out and sac fly, making it 4-0.

Kean's Cougars cut the lead in half in the fifth, but the Red Hawks answered with five runs in the bottom half. Juniors Matt Moreno and Anthony Bowens contributed runs, with Pace working a walk with the bases full in the big inning. Junior third baseman Stephen Nappé tacked on two more with a single in the seventh, increasing the lead to 11-3, which ended up being the final score.

Senior Jack McDonough had a solid start, allowing three runs and striking out five in seven innings of work for his second win this season.

Sophomore Dylan Papa came on in the eighth and pitched two scoreless to split the doubleheader with Kean and give MSU a 15-8 record.

The Red Hawks had two days off after the doubleheader, but the rest didn't translate to much success in Tuesday's game against Keystone College. The Giants took an early lead against Hille, who was taken out of the game before completing the third inning. Montclair was able to put up only two runs in the fifth, losing the game and falling to 15-9 on the season. The Red Hawks are 5-1 in conference play and are currently tied with William Paterson for first place.

MSU baseball heads to Rutgers-Newark Thursday to begin another NJAC two-game set, returning home to Yogi Berra Stadium this Friday at 3:30 p.m. for the second game against the Scarlet Raiders.

## Softball Shows No Sign of Slowing Down Red Hawks still undefeated in NJAC play

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The 21-ranked Montclair State University softball team is dominating the competition. This time it was Rutgers-Newark's chance to stop the Red Hawks ten-game winning streak and derail them from first place in the North Jersey Athletic Conference with a doubleheader in Newark.

The Red Hawks took down Rutgers-Newark in a nail-biting, 1-0 victory in the first game and a dominating 10-2 victory in the second game, completing another doubleheader sweep while on the road.

MSU is 26-1 (8-0 in the NJAC) and is currently on a 12-game winning streak. Sophomore Alex Hill pitched a nearly-flawless first game, going seven innings and facing only two batters more than the minimum a pitcher can face in

a game. She recorded 15 strikeouts to go along with no walks, and two hits; the only two base runners that would reach, but not advance, during the game. Hill is 15-0 this season and has yet to allow an earned run.

MSU averaged a hit an inning against Rutgers-Newark starting pitcher Liane Drastal and only two of them were for extra bases. It took fundamental softball to bring in MSU's only run of the game. Junior Kelli O'Brien led off the fifth inning with a double to left field and was then bunted over to third by junior catcher Heather Bergman. Pinch hitter Melany Zeller followed with a single to right field, bringing in pinch runner Nicole Iorio for the game-winning run.

Junior Jamie Miller pitched a brilliant second game, going six innings and allowing only two earned runs on five hits and one walk while striking out two. MSU started the

game with a solo homerun in the top of the first inning by sophomore third baseman Dana Amato, but Rutgers-Newark would answer in the bottom of the inning, scoring one run on four hits. Miller was in a jam with the bases loaded and only one out with one run already in, but was able to get the next two hitters to pop-up to end the inning without any further damage.

The Red Hawks would score three runs in the second inning and five runs in the third to give themselves a 9-1 cushion. In the second, senior shortstop Priscilla Camacho hit an RBI single to center, followed by a two-run double by junior left-fielder Jamie Paulino. In the third, sloppy play by Rutgers-Newark led to three unearned runs for Montclair. After RBIs by sophomore second baseman Katie Muglia and Bergman, Camacho reached on an error, allowing two runs to score. Paulino then hit

another double to right-center field to score senior center fielder Shannon Mozek for another unearned run.

MSU's final run came as a result of another error and another unearned run in the top of the sixth inning to give the Red Hawks the eventual final score 10-2.

The Red Hawks' next doubleheader is Thursday at home against the Polytechnic Institute of NYU. Their next conference double-header is home against Rowan University on Saturday.

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